

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SHOWA CORPORATION ) Examiner: BURCH  
Serial Number: 10/736150 ) Art Unit: 3683  
Filed: 12/15/2003 )  
For: HYDRAULIC SHOCK ABSORBING APPARATUS  
OF VEHICLE )  
Docket Number: 13712 )

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Amendment not approved  
for entry by Examiner  
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8/11/08

16 July 2008

Sir:

This communication is responsive to your Final Office Action dated 1 May 2008, having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire 1 August 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed on 16 July 2008.

Please amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as set out in the section entitled Claim Amendments.